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Army Announces New Reserve, Guard Realignment Plan

The Defense Department announced a plan June 2 to realign the Army's Reserve and National Guard forces. It is designed to reach by next summer a goal of eight weeks early deployment capability and 92 percent manning and fully-equipped combat readiness.

The Army proposal, approved by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, entails sweeping changes in force structures of both National Guard and Reserve components. It will eliminate more than 1,000 units and create almost 1,000 new ones.

In general, the Army's National Guard will assume a combat posture of divisions and brigades, while the Reserves will assume support roles and provide a general mobilization training base.

The announcement was made and explained by Deputy Defense Secretary Cyrus R. Vance, Army Secretary Stanley R. Resor, and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Harold K. Johnson.

The most pronounced changes were in "force structure" and in the Army Reserves. The primary shifts will come through beefed-up support roles; for example, the activation of 208 entirely new logistical units called "COSTAR" or Combat Support for The Army.

The current 13 Reserve training divisions will retain their roles under the plan for a mobilization base.

The main Army National Guard change in force structure involves reforming the current 15 combat divisions, manned at 50 percent strength and no equipment in the "Reinforced Reserves," into nine more combat brigades with full wartime equipment and 92 percent manning. The Guard's "Immediate Reserve" force of eight combat divisions and seven brigades currently manned at 80 percent or more and fully equipped will remain virtually unchanged.

Of the 225,000 Army Reservists affected, only about 15,000 will be placed in "non-unit" pools, officials indicated, and these men will be assigned as fillers as soon as unit vacancies occur. Reserve paid-drill strength would decline from 260,000 to 240,000 under the plan.

National Guard paid drills would increase from nearly 308,000 to 400,000, with the overall Army Reserve paid drills climbing from 568,000 to 640,000.

ALASKA VISITOR — RAdm. Henry L. Miller, Navy Chief of Information, is greeted on his arrival at Anchorage, Alaska, by Brig. Gen. Allen L. Leonard Jr., USA, Chief of Staff of the Alaskan Command. After a brief visit with Lt. Gen. Glen R. Birchard, Commander in Chief, Alaska, at his Elmendorf AFB headquarters, Admiral Miller left for Fairbanks where he received an honorary degree from the University of Alaska.

President Nominates Adm. T. H. Moorer For Chief of Naval Operations Post

President Johnson has nominated Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, USN, for appointment as Chief of Naval Operations for a two-year term. He succeeds Admiral David L. McDonald, who has been Chief of Naval Operations since August 1963, and is retiring this August.

Admiral Moorer is currently Commander-in-Chief Atlantic and U.S. Atlantic Fleet, and Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic, with headquarters in Norfolk, Va.

Earlier, the Defense Planning Committee of the North Atlantic Council had appointed Vice Admiral Ephraim P. Holmes, USN, as Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic, effective June 17. Admiral Holmes will also assume Admiral Moorer's other commands.

Now serving as Director, Navy Program Planning, in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Holmes has been nominated by the President for promotion to four-star rank.

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DOD STATISTICS SHOW that 10,566 U.S. service personnel lost their lives through hostile actions in Vietnam from Jan. 1, 1961 through May 27, 1967. Additionally, 2,088 lost their lives from non-hostile action causes.

ELEVEN ATLANTIC FLEET ships have departed for good will and training cruise in Eastern Atlantic that will take them to ports in 13 European countries. Ships are units of Atlantic Fleet's Antisubmarine Carrier Group One, commanded by RAdm. P. W. Jackson. Extensive people-to-people activities are planned for ports in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, West Germany, The Netherlands, France, England, Ireland, Belgium, Malta, Spain, Italy and Greece.

AIR FORCE has approved "Galaxy" as the popular name designation for the new C-5 cargo aircraft. Delivery of the first C-5 operational aircraft is scheduled in 1969. Aircraft was built by the Lockheed Marietta Co.

BRIG. GEN. William C. Garland became Air Force Director, Office of Information, June 1, succeeding Maj. Gen. Eugene B. LeBailly, who assumes command of 16th Air Force in Spain, Aug. 1. Gen. LeBailly has been Director of Information since January 1964. Brig. Gen. James F. Hackler Jr. is new deputy director, position formerly held by new director. Gen. Garland has been nominated for major general.

DEFENSE FIRE FIGHTING activities employed 25,604 full-time personnel in FY66 in the military departments and DOD agencies at an annual cost of $127 million. Statistics embraced both structural building and crash firefighting activities, plus fire prevention, to protect DOD's real and personal property estimated at more than $183 billion.

WAVES 25TH ANNIVERSARY National Convention will be held in San Diego, Calif., July 20-23. Active duty, Reserve, Retired and former WAVES and their families invited to attend. Speaker at Silver and Gold Banquet July 22 will be VAdm William R. Smedberg, III, USN (Ret.). Additional information by writing to: P.O. Box 12007, San Diego, Calif. 92112.

GEN. RALPH E. HAINES JR. was sworn in as Army Vice Chief of Staff and concurrently promoted to four star rank in Pentagon ceremony June 1. This was followed by full honors ceremony on parade ground opposite Pentagon's Mall entrance.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE has directed service secretaries to investigate and report by June 15 on any military function involving initiation and similar activities which could be detrimental to men and women in uniform. Directive states that aspects of such ceremonies that are hazardous, detrimental or involve unbecoming personal conduct should be terminated at once.

MEMBERS OF NEXT year's senior class at U.S. Military Academy will take a two and a half week orientation trip to six military posts next month. Trip is to provide cadets with orientation on role, tactics, techniques, equipment, and new developments in infantry, armor, artillery, signal and engineer branches of Army.

ARMY REMINDS PERSONNEL that firearms and other items being brought home as war trophies must be registered. Applicable regulation is AR 643-20, "Control and Registration of War Trophies and War Trophy Firearms."

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW Coast Guard station at St. Ignace, Mich., was scheduled to begin June 1. Located in Coast Guard's Ninth District, 16-man station will cost an estimated $347,060 and is due for completion in August 1968. Station will consist of two buildings, one containing offices and crew's quarters and other a two-family duplex for officer-in-charge and his assistant.

LARGEST MILITARY passenger terminal in South Vietnam was opened at Cam Ranh Bay air base May 1. New 30,000 square foot facility, all located under one roof, is being operated by 14th Aerial Port Squadron. Inside new building are located all necessary stations for processing personnel entering or leaving Vietnam, including a briefing room, money conversion, customs, joint passenger office, flight information, in and out processing and baggage handling, a distinguished visitor lounge and USO operated coffee bar.

AIR FORCE Brig. Gen. (major general selectee) Robert W. Paulson has been named to succeed Maj. Gen. Richard P. Klocko as Commander, Air Force Communications Service at Scott AFB, Ill. Gen. Paulson, presently Commander, European-African-Middle East Communications Area, Lindsey Air Station, Germany, will report to new post July 15. Gen. Klocko will become Deputy Director, Defense Communications Agency, Washington, D.C., succeeding Maj. Gen. John B. Bestic. Gen. Paulson will be relieved in his present command by Col. (brigadier general selectee) Albert R. Shiely Jr., Vice Commander, Electronic Systems Division, Hanscom Field, Mass.

MRS. JILANE BURGESS, Army Surgeon General's Office, has received her third Sustained Superior Performance citation. She is one of 10 selected in 1957 for Southeastern University scholarship under Career Federal Scholarship Program. She was awarded bachelor's degree cum laude in commercial science. Mrs. Burgess is assigned to Personnel Services Division, Directorate of Personnel and Training.

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Background for Commanders

THE U.S. AND THE NEAR EAST*

Our stake in the Near East is a major one. First and foremost, it is in our worldwide strategic interest that this part of the world not fall under the domination of a Communist, or any other, power hostile to our broader international interests . . . Also, our worldwide strategic interest in our democratic ideals underlie our interest in the building of constructive, stabilizing forces and relationships in the area.

Although Arab nationalism has some negative aspects, the determination of Arab nationalists to achieve and maintain complete independence is a Free-World asset.

Among our other interests are the following:

• Preserving and promoting transit, communications, and commercial connections with the region as a whole. Our commercial intercourse [has been] expanding steadily. U.S. exports to the Arab states of the Near East and North Africa run to some $800 million annually against imports of about $300 million. Another $180 million is sold to Israel.

• Maintaining access to Middle East oil on reasonable terms both for ourselves and our allies. This has been a major factor in Europe's economic recovery and expansion after the war. Our role in the production and marketing of this oil has considerable significance for our balance of payments; 54% of the oil consumed daily in Europe in 1964 came from the Near East, and about one-fourth of all U.S. direct investment income from abroad comes from Near East oil, while two-thirds of the proved oil reserves in the world are in that area.

Soviet Influence

When it comes to competition with the Soviet Union, we have many assets. Traditionally, the Near East has looked West. Knowledge of English or the desire to acquire such knowledge is apparent across the area. (Some Soviet cultural centers provide English language classes which are better attended than Russian classes.) Western education enjoys a premium, cultural intercourse has been continuous, Western technology is preferred. These are the real ties that bind.

Yet they are increasingly challenged by the Soviet bloc. In many ways, the Soviets have not created opportunities for themselves as much as they have exploited opportunities created for them by others. (Suez, Western support for Israel, attempts to establish regional military blocs, the reluctance of the West to yield to special privileges, reluctance to provide arms without conditions, etc.).

The USSR established a foothold in the area through political action, an unqualified and unprincipled support of all Arab positions, and the supply of massive military and economic aid to the UAR, Syria, and Iraq. The Soviets have made inroads in Syria by capitalizing on the inherent instability there. In Iraq, because of excesses by the domestic Communist Party in the early years after the 1958 revolution, Communists and Russians are not highly regarded. Communist Chinese influence in the Eastern Arab world seems to have receded recently.

U.S. Seeks Friends on Both Sides

If the U.S. has an interest in Israel and welcomes the understanding and close relationship that obtain, we also have an interest in maintaining relations with the 13 Arab states and in improving understanding and relations with their close to 100,000,000 people.

We have avoided too close identification between Israel and the U.S. which could be exploited by the Soviets in their interest of reducing and possibly eliminating our influence in the Arab world. On the Arab side, we have avoided the appearance of having a chosen instrument, but seek to maintain the best possible bilateral relations with each of the states.

Since clearly Soviet willingness to provide certain states arms at politically-motivated prices could lead to serious problems for other states unwilling or unable to procure arms from that source, our failure to meet legitimate defense or modernization needs could lead to serious destabilizing consequences. Accordingly, where our military experts [have perceived] a clear requirement, we have provided limited quantities of arms on a selective basis over the past several years to such states as Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, and Israel. At the same time, we [have continued] to explore possibilities for either a regional arrangement on arms or for agreement among the major suppliers to the area.

Our commitment is to peace. We shall continue to work for this objective.

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* *Excerpts from a recent address by Rodger P. Davies, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs. See also COMMANDERS DIGEST of May 27.*

Army War College Revises Curriculum

The Army War College curriculum has been revised for academic year 1967-68 in accordance with recommendations of Haines Board and the college's consultant group.

A new course, "Army Internal Defense and Development Operations," will be introduced. The course is designed to emphasize Army's stability operations.

NATO Reserve Officers To Tour U.S. Installationns

Department of Defense has invited 19 foreign Reserve officers from NATO to visit Army, Navy and Air Force military installations in the United States from June 11-30.

The group will be headed by German RAdm. H. R. Roesing (ret.), who is president of the Conference of Inter-Allied Officers of the Reserve (CIOR).

The tour of U.S. military installations is to provide firsthand observation of operational and training participation of U.S. Reserve forces in conjunction with regular components of the Armed Forces.

The foreign officers, who will represent Germany, France, Belgium, Turkey, Denmark, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands and Norway, will begin their tour with the Pentagon in Washington.

Electro-Optical Reader Under Army Evaluation

Army Materiel Command is evaluating a newly-developed electro-optical reader that scans typewritten messages and automatically converts them into punched tape for relay to worldwide destinations.

The responsibility of AMC's Electronics Command's Communications and Automatic Data Processing Laboratory, the new machine is being studied under actual working conditions in an Army Communications Center at the Pentagon.

The new system eliminates all manual typing except the original preparation of material on regular typewriters. Copy is read at speeds up to 4200 words a minute and actual transmission and reception speeds range up to 2400 words a minute, the maximum rate of other message center equipment with which the reader is currently being used.

Time studies indicate that it is possible to handle messages up to 60 times faster with fewer errors than by conventional methods.

JOINT SERVICE COMMENDATION —Col. Tom B. Foulk Jr., USAF, (left) receives the Joint Service Commendation Medal from Lt. Gen. Alfred D. Starbird, USA, Director, Defense Communications Agency. Col. Foulk, who has been serving as General Starbird's Special Assistant, was cited for "expert efforts in the study of the survivability of the U.S. Defense Communications System." Col. Foulk has been reassigned to the Strategic Air Command at Omaha, Neb.

AF Veterinarian's Invention Simplifies Blood-Sample Taking

Maj. Dean E. Ewing, USAF, has received a patent on an invention which is expected to benefit medical research workers.

A veterinary officer at Kirtland AFB, N.M., Maj. Ewing designed a valve which permits taking multiple blood samples, either arterial or venous, from animals without anesthetizing or repeatedly puncturing them.

Since the device was developed as part of his Air Force duties, the patent provides for free use of the valve by the U.S. Government.

Hospitals and laboratories have shown considerable interest in application of the device to human and veterinary medicine.

Directive Clarifies Use Of AF Special Air Warfare Helicopters

The use of Air Force Special Air Warfare helicopters has been clarified in a joint decision of the Army and Air Force Chiefs of Staff that was announced June 1.

This decision provides that "SAW rotary wing aircraft—armed if required—will be employed to train foreign air forces in the operation and employment of helicopters and to support U.S. Air Force forces, other government agencies, and indigenous forces only when operating without U.S. Army advisors or not under U.S. Army control."

An earlier agreement was not specifically clear on this point, it was explained, and the two service chiefs considered it desirable to clarify this point for all concerned.

Asst. AF Secretary Wins Gen. White Space Trophy

Dr. Alexander H. Flax, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Research and Development, became the first civilian to receive the General Thomas D. White Space Trophy, June 1.

Dr. Flax was cited for "his effective direction of Air Force aerospace research and development programs enhancing national security and advancing space technology."

Secretary of the Air Force Harold Brown made the presentation of a bronze plaque in a ceremony at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Previous recipients were Maj. Virgil I. Grissom, Maj. Robert M. White, Astronaut L. Gordon Cooper, Air Force Systems Command, and Astronaut Edward H. White II.

The White Space Trophy was established in 1961 for General White, the retired Air Force Chief of Staff who died in 1965.

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